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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (OMISSION SUBJECT AND REFERENCE
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TAGS: PAHO, SWEL, MX, CI, VE

SUBJECT: ELECTION OF NEW DIRECTOR OF PAHO

REFERENCES: (A) STATE 144367, (B) STATE 046299

1. ADDRESSEES ARE REQUESTED TO ADVISE THEIR HOST GOVERN-
MENTS THAT US INTENDS TO SUPPORT DR. HECTOR ACUNA
MONTEVERDE ON MEXICO TO REPLACE DR. ABRAHAM HORWITZ OF
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CHILE AS DIRECTOR OF PAHO AT ELECTIONS TO TAKE PLACE DURING

THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON
SEPTEMBER 30 - OCTOBER 11, 1974. POSTS MAY DRAW ON THE
FOLLOWING IN CONVEYING THIS INFORMATION.

2. FOR SANTIAGO: IN DECIDING NOT TO SUPPORT DR. HORWITZ'S
BID FOR A FIFTH TERM WE WERE GUIDED BY THE US POSITION
GENERALLY HELD IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS WHEREBY WE
FAVOR THE PRINCIPLE OF ROTATION OF TOP LEADERSHIP.

DR. HORWITZ HAS A DISTINGUISHED RECORD OF 16 YEARS (FOUR
FULL TERMS) AS DIRECTOR DURING WHICH TIME HE HAS MADE AN
IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE CAUSE OF INTERNATIONAL
HEALTH. IN DR. ACUNA OF MEXICO WE BELIEVE THE MEMBERS OF
PAHO HAVE A CANDIDATE OF IMPRESSIVE QUALIFICATIONS WHO
IS WORTHY TO BECOME DR. HORWITZ'S SUCCESSOR. WE BELIEVE
HE WILL BRING TO PAHO A FRESH AND VIGOROUS LEADERSHIP.

3. FOR CARACAS: IT WAS DIFFICULT TO CHOOSE BETWEEN
DR. ACUNA AND DR. VALLADARES AS A CANDIDATE TO REPLACE
DR. HORWITZ. INDEED, THE US HAS BEEN PONDERING THIS
CHOICE FOR ALMOST TWO YEARS. BOTH CANDIDATES HAVE
IMPRESSIVE QUALIFICATIONS WHICH MAKE THEM WORTHY TO
SUCCEED DR. HORWITZ. IN CHOOSING TO SUPPORT DR. ACUNA
WE WERE GUIDED BY THE BELIEF AND MOUNTING EVIDENCE THAT
HE IS THE MOST LIKELY TO RECEIVE THE 16 VOTES NEEDED FOR
ELECTION.

4. PLEASE REPORT REACTION TO DEPARTMENT. KISSINGER

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